

Senior Community Advisory Committee  
Minutes of Meeting – July 17, 2009

**Members Present:** Win and Jeanne Nolin, Mary Jane Hall, Myra Culver, Ellie Trujillo, Violet Helsing

**Members Absent:** Judy Pitt, Aziza Scarpelli, Carla Monteleone, Dave Lind, Barb Martig

**Others Present:** John Riggle, Stephen Walsh, Al Kolwicz, Tom McKermett

Stephen Walsh said that he is an architect working with former city councilman Gordon Riggle on a project on Uni-Hill that would provide senior housing in a mixed-resident and mixed-use neighborhood. They want the project as well as all others in core neighborhoods to include senior housing. The planning board has approved the area plan, which now goes to city council on Tuesday evening. He invited SCAC members to review the area plan and, if so inclined, to attend the council meeting.

Al Kolwicz and Tom McKermett had met John Riggle before the meeting. John invited them to the meeting to express their interests and concerns. Al said that he is interested in the city's budget, how to increase efficiencies, and protect senior programming. Tom said that he had met Al through SilverSneakers. Both also have joined Encore. He also expressed the desire to protect senior programming in the city. John said that the city manager will be submitting her budget to council in August. Once it is public, Al and Tom can review it to see what the city manager is proposing regarding senior programming. John also suggested that they look at what Senior Services has submitted to the Blue Ribbon Commission and the ensuing recommendations from the BRC.

**ACTION:** Myra/Ellie moved and seconded approval of the minutes of the May 15<sup>th</sup> meeting. The motion was carried.

**Meals on Wheels.** Mary Jane referred to a nice article written about MOW volunteer Bill Sompayrac, who recently celebrated his 93<sup>rd</sup> birthday.

**Travel.** Jeanne presented the report prepared by Ellen Bartilet for the month of July. Several trips to the mountains had to be cancelled. They were scheduled on the new bus which has not yet arrived and probably won't arrive until the end of August.

**Senior Services Division.** John said that the latest report is that the Dream Machine is moving from the GM plant to the TurtleTop plant for finishing. He invited SCAC members to attend the West Center's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration on Saturday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. It will include the ribbon-cutting for and rides on the Dream Machine. As noted earlier, the 2010 budget will be submitted in August to council. Then we will now what cuts the city manager is recommending.

**Suggestion Box.** No suggestions submitted.

Ellie reported on the recent AAC meeting. She was not sure how the federal stimulus money was being used for senior nutrition. The county will receive funds under the Elder Justice Act to combat elder abuse. Seniors will discuss issues with state legislators on August 22<sup>nd</sup>.

The next SCAC meeting will be on Friday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at West.  
Submitted by John Riggle